

# ARABS MAY OPEN OIL TAP SOON

By BARRY SCHWEID  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Complete removal of the oil embargo against the United States with supplies at pre-October-war levels is the optimistic expectation of authoritative sources in advance of next Sunday's meeting of Arab oil ministers in Libya.

Prices are likely to drop to about \$7 a barrel from the current \$11.65, it was learned as Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger returned from an eight-day trip to the Middle East and Europe.

Restoration of production, coupled with conservation measures taken during the recent squeeze, will bring about a plentiful supply of oil for Americans, according to estimates.

At the same time, U.S. officials are concerned that the political crisis in Israel could set back Kissinger's scheme for having Israel and Syria begin to negotiate through him in Washington a disengagement in the Golan Heights.

Israeli diplomatic and military representatives were due in about two weeks, to be followed within the next two weeks by a

similar Syrian mission. But now, officials say, the plan could be derailed if Prime Minister Golda Meir's Labor party has to join forces with the opposition Likud to form a government.

Meanwhile, the president of the Baltex Oil and Gas Corp. of Texas said that delivery of petroleum products sold it by Saudi Arabia could begin in about three weeks when contracts are signed. W. Page Ballard said the oil would be shipped each month for five years to the United States.

Ballard said he contracted for the oil through a bank in Malaysia and had no direct dealings with Saudi Arabia.

The price of oil before the Arab-Israeli war was about \$3.01 a barrel. Since then, production has been cut about 25 per cent and an embargo imposed against the United States and the Netherlands for their support and friendship for the Jewish state.

U.S. experts consider \$7 a barrel somewhat high, but they also are concerned that a lower price could discourage development of alternative sources of energy. Kissinger and his aides will say

nothing publicly about the Tripoli meeting.

But Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Algeria and other Arab states are now understood to be united in wanting to have the embargo removed and full production resumed. Until now, there have been reports of a phased step-up of production once the embargo is lifted.

U.S. officials are convinced that disengagement with Egypt and Syria is in Israel's best interest and that Mrs. Meir and the Laborites have come around to this view. But Likud leaders are not of a mind to compromise with the Arab states that attacked last October.

American officials believe that the chances are at least 50-50 that Israel will now turn either to a national unity government including Likud or hold new elections.

In either case, they say, the disengagement talks in Washington would be delayed for several weeks.

Moreover, they appear to be concerned that the often quixotic President Hafez Assad of Syria also may change his mind by then.



## Sirica Sets Hearing On Secret Report Of Watergate Jury

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge will listen to arguments in open court Wednesday before deciding what to do with the secret Watergate report given to him by a federal

### Deluge Brings Flooding Threat

By Associated Press

Heavy rains drenched much of Michigan overnight, causing rivers to flood and submerging portions of roads in several areas.

A flood warning bulletin was issued for the Flint area, where 1.46 inches of rain fell in a 24-hour period, resulting in a rapid rise of the Flint River.

The river, where flood stage is 11 feet, was reported at 11.1 feet shortly before dawn. The National Weather Service said the river was expected to crest tonight at near 13 feet.

The St. Joseph and Paw Paw rivers in north Berrien county were high from the less than one inch of rain that fell the past 48 hours, but no significant flooding was reported.

The Red Cedar River at Williamson was reported at 7.6 feet at 7 a.m. Flood stage is seven feet, the weather service said, adding the river would continue to rise slowly during the day.

At Midland, the Tittabawassee River was rising a 10th of an inch an hour, and was at 23.5 feet at daybreak, the weather service said. It was expected to reach the 24-foot flood stage by night.

In the Detroit area, flooding closed the Hines Parkway and partially blocked several roads in western Wayne County.

The Automobile Club of Michigan said freezing temperatures were beginning to make highways icy around Traverse City and Cadillac in northern Lower Michigan, while slippery conditions were reported at Iron Mountain, L'Anse, Marquette, Iron River and Munising in the Upper Peninsula.

More rain or snow was predicted for the western Upper Peninsula today and Wednesday. In Lower Michigan, it was expected to be mostly sunny in the west with gradual clearing in the east. There was a chance of showers reported for Wednesday.

He has lived at the Sacred Heart rectory in suburban Dearborn for four years, school officials said. He lived at Presentation rectory in Detroit before that, according to the officials, who said they did not know the priest's hometown in Tanzania.

The Committee for the City of Fairplain filed a new petition, saying it contained some 1,900 signatures, well above the 1,452 the Boundary commission said were required.

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grand jury.

After meeting with attorneys in his office for more than an hour, U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica scheduled a hearing for 10 a.m. Wednesday and said that "all interested parties may state their views regarding the disposition of the report and recommendation filed last Friday by the June 1972 grand jury."

Sirica's office refused to say who had asked for the hearing.

Participants in the meeting included James D. St. Clair and Richard Hauser from the White House; Henry S. Roth, deputy special prosecutor, and Philip A. Lacovara, Richard Ben-Veniste and Peter Kreider of the prosecutor's office, and John J. Wilson and Frank Strickler, attorneys for B.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman.

The surprise announcement raised the possibility that the White House planned to oppose release of the report and possibly its transmission to the House impeachment inquiry.

Sirica had ordered all parties not to discuss either the report or the indictments returned by the grand jury Friday. But

sources said the report contained the grand jury's findings on the role of President Nixon in Watergate.

White House deputy Press Secretary Gerald L. Warren said, "Our position will be made known in open court. I have nothing further to say at this time."

Warren's statement came only a few hours after he told newsmen "there is no present

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**RETURNS FROM MIDDLE EAST:** Secretary of State Henry Kissinger laughs as he talks with newsmen Monday night after he arrived at Andrews Air Force Base from his trip to the Middle East. (AP Wirephoto)

## Michigan Lottery Has First Case Of Ticket Alteration

DETROIT (AP) — An osteopath has become the first person to be charged with the felonious alteration of a Michigan Lottery ticket, the Wayne County prosecutor's office said Monday.

Prosecutors allege Dr. Myron Lacky of suburban Garden City altered one number on a ticket for the April 26, 1973, lottery drawing to make it eligible for a \$25 prize.

Lacky turned the ticket in Dec. 26 and a

computer check found a discrepancy between the series sequence number on the ticket and those on other winning tickets, prosecutors said.

Dr. Lacky, who is scheduled for arraignment next week, was unavailable for comment.

Maximum sentence for conviction on the charge is five years in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

## South Haven Manager Can Keep Extra Pay...For Now

BY TOM RENNER

**South Haven Correspondent**

SOUTH HAVEN — The right of city manager Albert Pierce to certain fringe benefits drew fire from councilmen during an hour-long debate at the conclusion of a regular meeting last night.

The issue was raised by second ward Alderman Rex Lineberry who charged that Pierce is drawing nearly a thousand dollars more than the \$19,000 annual salary designated for him by the council last year.

Lineberry's allegation was spurred by a year-end salary report of all city employees which showed Pierce receiving

\$19,849.76.

Pierce argued last night that the \$849 difference from the salary set for him by the council last May and his actual pay was because of a longevity payment and cost of living allowance he

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received along with all other city employees in December.

Pierce, who does not have a written contract, contends he is entitled to the same fringe benefits as other city employees.

Aldermen Lineberry, Matthew Goerg and William

Andresen, all members of the council when Pierce's salary was established, argued that the city charter places the city manager in a category different from other employees.

The charter authorizes the council to set the salaries of only the city manager, city attorney and assessor.

Lineberry later charged that Pierce, during a period from March 1, 1969 through July 1, 1972, increased his salary by \$3,834 without council approval.

He added that the increase brings to about \$11,000 the amount he has drawn to this time without approving council action.

Lineberry, the only alderman who was on the council when Pierce was hired in 1968, said Pierce's starting salary was \$13,000.

He contended that except for council action approving raises on June 1, 1970 and May 29, 1973, Pierce gave himself pay raises not authorized by the council on five occasions.

Pierce claimed that the increases were figured in the overall budget of the city and since they were not questioned by the council he was entitled to them.

Pierce also contended that previous city managers received similar fringe benefits and that he had received an opinion from the city attorney (William Verdonk) approving the practice.

Lineberry countered that council action at a public meeting is required to approve any



ALBERT PIERCE  
Dispute over fringes

## CITY OF FAIRPLAIN Boundary Board To Scan Petitions

The State Boundary commission will hold a hearing tomorrow to determine if a petition for the incorporation of Fairplain meets legal requirements.

The hearing is scheduled for 1:45 p.m. in the first floor conference room of the State Treasury building, Lansing.

An earlier petition was rejected by the Boundary commission because of insufficient signatures and an error in description of the area proposed for incorporation.

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Work resumed again this morning on the St. Joseph township sewer system after construction was halted in early January because of contractor reported ran out of fuel.

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## Editorial Page

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# At Least Somebody's Buying Those Big Cars

The Detroit Free Press made a count and noted in its Sunday edition that 25 top Michigan officials are driving what it calls "luxury cars," and taxpayers are footing the bill to the tune of nearly \$200,000 a year. The autos include Oldsmobile Regencies, Mercury Marquis and Chryslers. In 1973, according to the Free Press, the state paid \$119,000 to purchase the cars and \$75,000 in credit card expenses for their operation.

The newspaper said those provided with the cars included the seven Supreme Court justices, 12 Court of Appeals judges, the attorney general, auditor general, state treasurer, secretary of state, superintendent of public instruction and the lieutenant governor.

Gov. William Milliken is chauffeured around in a \$10,000 black Lincoln Continental and black Chrysler Imperial, both purchased by the state police.

In interviews, several of the state officials said they need the cars for state business, and pointed to tradition as the reason for the "luxury" models.

That's apparently true; the cars evidently have been provided for a long time, sufficient probably to establish them as a part of the officials' remuneration.

In any event, it's hard to say why a Motor City newspaper is making an issue of the situation just now. The way the big car market's been this year, you'd think everyone in Detroit would cheer 25 sales.

Besides, someone for the state seems to have been a sharp buyer. The Free Press says the cars—all the luxury options—were purchased for \$5,200 each. That's a darn good price for a brand new Olds Regency with air, vinyl, automatic door locks,

FM stereo and the rest of the gadgets.

Nevertheless, T. John Lesinski—burly chief judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals—may have been just a mite arrogant when he told the Free Press:

"Pick-up trucks may be the most economical to drive, but the general public wouldn't want us to drive them. We're entitled to a certain standard."

"If I was interested in saving money," Judge Lesinski told reporters, "I'd be driving a bicycle to work. You drive what you want, and I'll drive what I want."

Taxpayers may be somewhat nettled by Lesinski's prefatory remark "If I was interested in saving money . . ." But, on the other hand, it's nice for a change to hear a judge speak so forthrightly you can understand him.

As for Gov. Milliken, the taxpayers of Michigan should be happy to buy him and Mrs. Milliken his and her Cadillac Eldorado, a real luxury car that'll wipe out ten grand in a hurry. Who better to advertise the state's number one product—automobiles—than its chief executive?

The governor should have a big car or two on hand for state occasions. Aside from that, however, times are changing, and it might be well for the state's Big Guns to change with them.

Emphasis since the energy crisis is on small cars. How about "luxury" Vegas, Pintos and Dusters this year for the governor most of the time and for the other 24 state officials all the time?

The dramatic change would advertise the fact that regardless of what size and price car the public demands, Michigan is firstest with the mostest.

And it would be a splendid example of energy conservation.

# Veterans Seeking More Than Nixon Recommended

Each year at about this time leaders of the major veterans' organizations come to Washington to present their annual legislative programs to the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees. The Disabled American Veterans, World War I Veterans, Inc., and the Paralyzed Veterans of America already have made their views known to congressional leaders. The American Legion is scheduled to appear before both committees today. The American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam (AMVETS) and the Blinded Veterans will address the House committee on Thursday. The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is combining its appearances before the Senate and House committees on March 11 and 12 with its annual Midwinter Conference, which begins in Washington on Saturday, March 9. VFW Commander-in-chief Ray R. Soden of Addison, Ill., expects more

than 2,000 VFW leaders to attend the meeting, which will commemorate the organization's 75th anniversary.

The VFW and other veterans' organizations are urging swift action on a bill introduced by Sen. Vance Hartke (D Ind.), chairman of the Senate's veterans committee, authorizing a 23 per cent increase in veterans' educational benefits. The House, in a unanimous vote on Feb. 19, passed a bill authorizing a 13.6 per cent increase in benefits. The House bill would increase educational benefits for a single veteran from the existing \$220 a month to \$250 a month. The bill also would extend from 8 to 10 years the length of time a veteran remains eligible after his discharge for educational benefits.

Both the Senate and House bills call for increases substantially higher than the 8 per cent increase in education benefits proposed by President Nixon in his Veterans Message to Congress on Jan. 28, 1974. VFW chief Soden termed the President's proposal "stingy." Because of the rising cost of living, he said, "an increase of about 13 per cent is the minimum which would enable a veteran to get the similar education received by the World War II veterans."

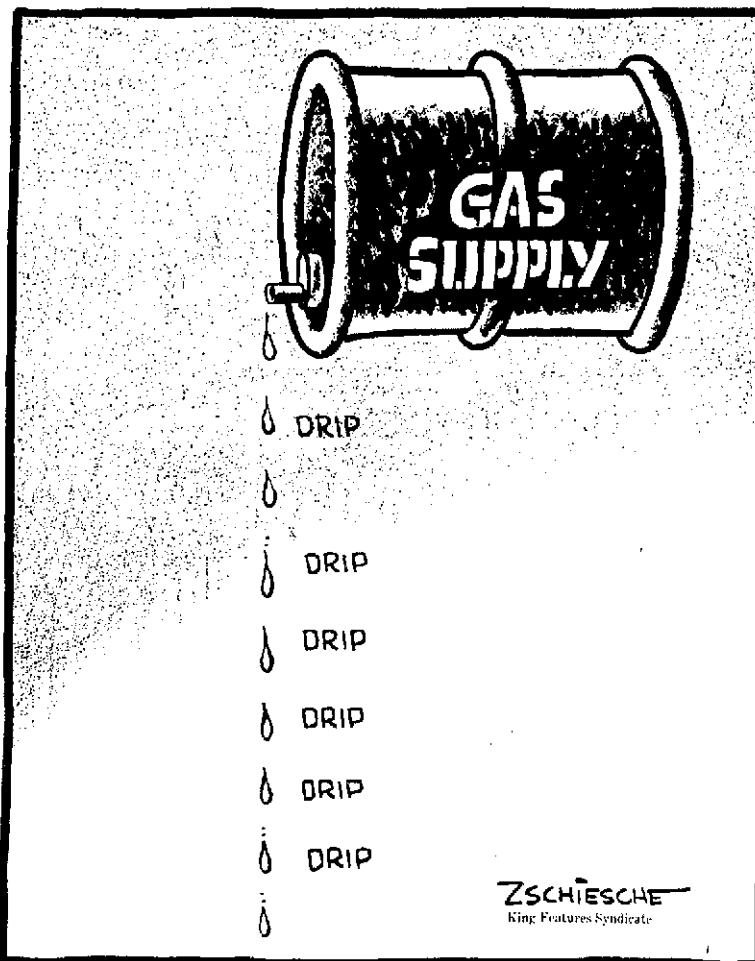
Despite inflationary problems, a surprisingly large number of Vietnam era veterans are going to school under the GI Bill. Statistics compiled by the VA show that 40.6 per cent of the Vietnam vets have enrolled for college, high school or vocational training, as against 34.5 per cent of the World War II veterans. Unfortunately, VA statistics are not available on the reportedly large number of veterans who have had problems receiving their monthly education checks.

## Touchy Official

Police seize the film of a photographer who unknowingly got a shot of Michigan's attorney general. Mighty touchy, these chief officers of the law.

Romans carried pocketknives as early as the first century A.D., the National Geographic Society says.

## Torture Trick



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### FAMILY SERVICES DIRECTOR NAMED — 1 Year Ago —

Hugh J. McDonald, formerly of Muncie, Ind., is the new executive director of Southwestern Branch, Child and Family Services of Michigan. McDonald succeeds Verne Robbins, executive director the past three years, who is now with the State of Michigan in Kalamazoo.

Child and Family Services of Michigan, a United Fund agency, offers such services as adoption, problem pregnancy, foster child care, homemaker service, family counseling and epilepsy counseling. The Southwestern branch, located

at 2009 South State street, St. Joseph, serves Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties.

### MILLER WINS AT TOASTMASTERS — 10 Years Ago —

Mainstreet Toastmasters were instructed to concentrate on selling and Vince Miller was voted the best salesman with a graphic description of his adopted home town, St. Joseph. Miller was voted best speaker and won the pen award Wednesday at a meeting in the Chicken Nook.

### HOST PARLEY IN BUCHANAN — 35 Years Ago —

The initial meeting of an or-

## EDITOR'S MAILBAG

### NEVER BEEN 'FREE THINKER'

Editor,  
A certain Mr. Stan Kun of Covert has bravely entered the list. Thinking to be protected behind the term "free thinker" he struts about like the emperor in his new clothes.

Where shall I sink the dagger? Into his illogic?

No, I shall merely wound his pride.

A free thinker there has never been! Every thought is the direct or indirect result of each and all encounters. Mr. Kun should note in his correspondence of March 1, the first person singular in conjunction with the verb "believe," "think" and "feel." Check out "to my mind."

By the way, where did you learn those things in that letter?

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### TELLS OTHER SIDE OF FLUORIDATION

Editor,  
Regarding letter on fluoridation. I feel the other side of the story should also be given.

The letter states: For generations more than 10 million people in the United States lived in areas where the drinking water was naturally fluoridated. What the letter did not state is that this water contained calcium fluoride, not sodium fluoride. Sodium fluoride is a very potent poison; many times more poisonous than calcium fluoride.

The letter further states: Children can count on a 50 per cent reduction in new cavities. That figure for half of your dental bill for their life time looks like a real good bargain.

If that is the case, why are there more dentists per capita in cities with fluoridation than in cities without fluoridation?

Perhaps the following quote from the Journal of the American College of Dentist's, Oct. 1966, may enlighten us. "For reasons not yet clear to us, dentists who practice in fluoridated communities, tend to have a higher income than

dentists in fluoride deficient but otherwise comparable communities."

Could it be the dentists know something they are not telling?

There is evidence that fluoride causes cancer. Dr. Alfred Taylor, U. of Texas, in a test with mice reported that mice drinking fluoridated water tend to develop cancer at an earlier age as compared with control animals maintained on fluoride-free water.

Isabel Jansen, R.N. of Antigo, Wis., reports that Antigo heart attack rate was below the national average before fluoridation in 1949. In the twenty year period between 1950 and 1970, the national average rose 35.3 per 100,000, while the Antigo average rose 298.2 per 100,000. She ends her report with, "It would be deplorable if we have been talked into trading a hole-in-the-tooth for a hole-in-the-ground."

Grand Rapids, Mich., and Newburgh, N.Y., show the same pattern of increase as Antigo.

I am sure that the fluoridation people will deny that the above statistics are connected with fluoridation, and I hope they are right. But the voters should make certain that they are not voting for that hole-in-the-ground when they vote for fluoridation.

It seems strange that on the hand, "Big Brother" is trying to pour fluoridation down our throats, which at best is of questionable benefit, while on the other hand, is taking away our vitamins and supplements which are absolutely necessary for good health.

S. M. Turke  
Route 4  
Coloma

### Move Against Rebels

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Government armor and infantry are moving from the east and west against insurgent forces controlling five miles of a highway between Phnom Penh and the anchor town of its western defenses, the Cambodian command said today.

## Bruce Bross

## President Vs. The Presidency



WASHINGTON (NEA) — One of President Nixon's strangest exercises in the entire Watergate period is his persistent habit of seeming to defend his office rather than himself.

Again and again, he has spoken of the need to protect and preserve "the presidency" in both the present and the future. He makes it sound as if his individual fate as President were almost a secondary matter.

This stance reached a new extreme in his most recent press conference (only his 30th in some five years), when Mr. Nixon said:

"... it is vitally important in this nation that the presidency of the United States not be hostage to what happens to the popularity of a President at one time or another."

He was responding to a question whether he would reconsider his determination not to resign if it became increasingly apparent that the Republican party might suffer disastrous defeat in the 1974 elections.

Carried to this limit, there is something surrealistic about the President's argument.

Of course a certain surface air of nobility of purpose may surround his suggestion that any president should plow ahead toward his objectives without regard to the ups and downs of his status in the opinion polls.

But in fact neither Richard Nixon nor any other president can ignore these gauges on his popularity. They are obviously a measure of how his perfor-

mance in office is regarded, though naturally not the sole measure. And he cannot act in isolation from the effects of that judgment, much as he might wish to.

Consider the case of President Harry Truman, whose 23 per cent popularity rating in 1952 is celebrated as the all-time low since polls began. Would anyone like to argue that he is not handicapped in performance by that fact?

The setting was the Korean war. It was the consensus in the United Nations military command that the slowly advancing U.N. (largely U.S.) troops could make a truce most effective if they could establish a demarcation line at North Korea's narrow waist a good deal north of the now-existing line. But to achieve that goal meant more troops, perhaps a daring sea maneuver, more materiel, more money and maybe more taxes. The decision: "Politically unsalable."

Had that defensible Korean "waist" been reached, we might not have had to keep 50,000 American troops on truce line duty for two decades, nor would the South Koreans have had to maintain on a line a force nearly 10 times as great. The fact is that the presidency is always, in key ways, "hostage" to the popularity of a particular president at a particular time. Far from performing in insulation from population judgments, a president's performance is deeply affected by those gauges.

## Wallace Gilds

## National Image



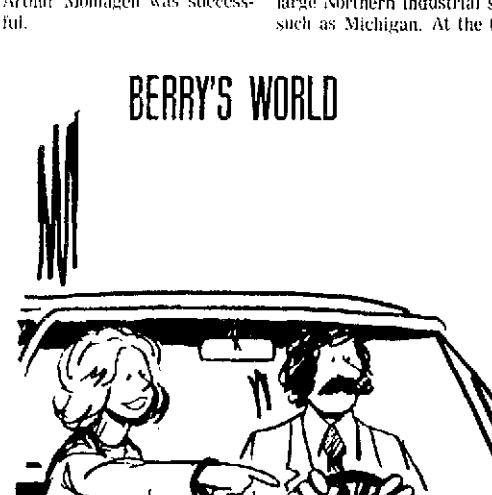
That particular moment was historic, and should be savored and pondered: President Nixon at the Honor America Day festivities in Huntsville, Alabama, turning to the man on his right in order to whisper confidentially, to whisper, that is, to Governor George Wallace.

Viewed in retrospect, that moment may come to be seen as a portent in the politics of 1976. For George Wallace has not transcended his identity as a purely regional figure. This was Nixon's second pilgrimage; Senator Kennedy has long since made his.

As recently as 1968, George Wallace was still the man who had stood in the schoolhouse door, the man who had shouted "segregation forever." He was a single-issue figure, and his stance on that issue repelled many.

By 1972, as he entered the primaries, Wallace had partially transcended that identity. Nixon had echoed his "forgotten American" theme, re-articulating it in various ways, as in his appeals to the "silent majority." In 1972, Wallace not only swept the Florida primary but could also have won in a large Northern industrial state such as Michigan. At the time

## BERRY'S WORLD



"Get into THAT line! Maybe there's a station around here somewhere and they're waiting to get gas."

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ST. JOSEPH, MICH. TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1974

Twin City  
Highlights

## St. Joseph Twp. 'Risks' \$50,000 On Sewer

St. Joseph township board last night voted to pay up to \$50,000 to repair 600 feet of the damaged interceptor sewer to get it into operation before trying to collect damages.

Meeting in the North Lincoln school gymnasium before approximately 75 residents on hand for a rezoning question, Supervisor Orval L. Benson said the township is willing to risk \$50,000 to get the 6 million sewer system operating. The alternative could be years of litigation, he said.

The township board noted in its resolution that in the interest of

public health the sanitary sewer be repaired prior to being put into use.

So the township board offered to enter into a binding agreement with the county board of public works to pay upwards of \$50,000 to repair that section of the interceptor in question. The section is located adjacent to Cleveland avenue in the Hickory creek ravine.

Benson and Township Attorney John Crow cited five letters they have written to the county attempting to get answers on who is responsible for the defects in the sewer.

Benson said residents should contact their county commis-

sioners, Otto Grau, Ed Mattix or Nancy Clark—none of whom live in the township, he noted—to ask the DPW to attempt to find who is to blame.

Benson estimated cost of the repairs at between \$70,000 and \$120,000. Lincoln township which is responsible for 63 per cent of the line would be asked to put up a proportionate share of the expense of repairs.

The whole issue is expected to be brought to a head at a meeting of the public works board Wednesday.



**MEET YOUR BOARD:** Supervisor Orval L. Benson (standing) is introducing members of the township board which met last night at North Lincoln school. Rezoning question drew 75 persons. Board members from left were Einar (Larry) Larson, Carroll Gerbel,

### Developer Fails To Show Up

## Board Kills Apartment Complex

St. Joseph township board last night voted to deny a zoning change on Cleveland avenue near Maiden Lane. When the developer failed to show up,

The developer, Wayne Nelson of Indianapolis, Ind., had previously requested an opportunity to present his side of a proposed \$4.3 million, 280-unit

apartment complex on 20 acres at 3563 Cleveland avenue. The township board Nov. 19 turned down the request, but rescinded its action on Dec. 3 after Nelson requested an opportunity to present his side.

The meeting last night was held in North Lincoln school gymnasium. Seventy-five persons attended. A dozen speakers argued the apartments would add children to the school system, increase traffic on Cleveland avenue and destroy the property values of adjoining single-family subdivisions.

Robert DeVries, trustee of the township who also sits on the St. Joseph Township Planning commission which twice recommended property be rezoned for the complex, said he voted against the rezoning simply because no one from the developer's office appeared.

in other action the township board approved spending \$1,950 to create three offices in the basement of the township hall. This space at present is used for township meetings. The Township board has asked the Fairplain Presbyterian church if it can use one of its meeting rooms.

Ed Klann of 2327 Niles road in St. Joseph township asked if there is anything that can be done about the fact that nine blocks of Niles avenue in the City of St. Joseph, have the same house numbers as a stretch of Niles road out in the township.

Supervisor Orval L. Benson said that when the countywide house renumbering project was advanced by the Lakeshore Jaycees all governmental units except the City of St. Joseph cooperated. Similar duplication exists on Lake Shore drive and

Cleveland avenue. Benson said the system works well for firemen. He said the city of St. Joseph has refused to alter its numbers and agreed with Klann that the only remedy is for residents to spotlight Niles Road when addressing those persons living outside the city.

Despite the overflow, Vander Ploeg said parking at Law and Title is still adequate. But he asked the city commission to extend for three years an agreement for possible lease or purchase of the city lot at Ship and Court streets in case additional parking becomes a necessity.

The agreement was reached in 1971 when the Law and Title building was being developed and expires Friday. Last night, city commissioners said they would take no action on the request.

Commissioners did, however, give their commitment to work with the Law and Title owners on any future parking needs.

In other action, city commissioners approved a fence ordinance with only one new section: that all fences erected

must have a building permit.

Other proposed sections were deleted after public opposition.

The fence ordinance amendment drew opposition from residents who said it was an attempt to legislate aesthetics and would prohibit fences for privacy. Commissioners then removed proposed sections stating that fences in residential areas must be both open and ornamental, that tops of fences shall be curved, pointed or uneven and that there be a one inch space between slats or members. The only new amendment is the one requiring a building permit.

In other action, commissioners:

—Denied a request from the Berrien County Active Deputies Association to use Riverview Park July 7 and 8 for a circus to raise funds for charity, because July is the busy season at Riverview and because the city has not allowed use of the park for fund raising activities in the past.

## SCHOOL SEMINAR ENDS HERE TODAY

By JIM SHANAHAN

BH City Editor

"In Benton Harbor, school business is everybody's business because schools belong to the people," Supl. Richard F. Helser said yesterday in welcoming a seminar on "Participatory Decision-Making."

Representatives of 28 school districts from as far as Louisville, Ky., are attending the seminar that winds up today at Ramada Inn.

Benton Harbor is the first

district in Michigan to host

such a conference for school board members, administrators, teachers and parents.

The Benton Harbor district started the seminar with a show of its own—the premiere of a film, "Help Me."

It was produced in the district and shows that Title I funds under the Federal Elementary and Secondary act are "for kids who need help the most."

The film stresses parental involvement with the Title I Policy Advisory council which has initiated 16 programs for

the education of disadvantaged children in the past three years. Parents comprise 51 per cent of council membership.

Longest look is taken at preschool classes which are intended "to make kids excited to start kindergarten." The 30-minute film credits two parents with promoting the "preschool on wheels" which has enabled the district to expand the program to nearly 400 children through the use of mobile units, funded by Title I.

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Mrs. Helen Ford, coordinator of compensatory programs for the Benton Harbor district, said the seminar is self-sustaining with out of town registrants paying \$75 for the two days, covering the cost of rooms, meals and workshops.

Benton Harbor registrants don't have rooms and pay \$25 out of their pockets.

She said expenses of six Benton Harbor district employees are paid by federal Title I funds because they are working the seminar as part of their jobs. These employees include herself, two secretaries and three parent coordinators.

Mrs. Ford said out of town registrants are being sponsored by their districts.

Helser told some 75 persons at the welcoming banquet: "We are proud to announce that Benton Harbor has received nationwide recognition for its leadership in promoting citizen and community involvement in school operation."

"Our board will not be affected by upcoming legislation requiring open and publicized board meetings. We welcome the public to our meetings and our work sessions."

Helser said the Benton Harbor board is going further for public exposure by moving its meeting to local schools, followed by coffee and talk with

citizens.

Helser described Benton Harbor as "The All-American School District."

Mayor Charles F. Joseph saluted the seminar by saying "This school district is once again outdoing itself by bringing tremendous credit to Benton Harbor and the district."

Keynote speaker was Dr. Carrie Dawson, director of developmental programs, for Gary, Ind., schools.

She gave various examples of parental involvement, but noted "many professionals are still uncomfortable with parents."

Confrontations are avoided when teachers work as partners with parents on behalf of children. She said parents have a right to consideration and schools should schedule events to accommodate them.

A notice that "The regular monthly meeting of the PTA will be held in the conference room at 8 o'clock" will get little response.

But an appeal that the school needs the parents for their ideas can get a big turnout.

At a press conference, Ben Hamilton and Newman Brown, consultants with the Michigan Department of Education, said educational progress can be documented for children enrolled in Title I programs, and the concept of compensatory education is here to stay.

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**SREBOTH SALUTED:** Mrs. Eleanor Davis, chairman of the Benton Harbor Title I Policy Advisory council, presents plaque to Raymond Sreboth citing his efforts in obtaining and supporting federally-funded Title I programs while he was Benton Harbor superintendent. Sreboth resigned in December to become superintendent of the Berrien Intermediate district. Presentation was at a seminar on "participatory decision-making." (Staff photo)

## Employees, Spouses Can't Run For Catholic School Board

The Lake Michigan Catholic board of education last night adopted a policy that prohibits paid employees of the school system or their spouses from running for the school board.

The only previous provisions were that candidates be "practicing" Catholics and 21 years old. Also in the new policy, the word "practicing" has been deleted and the word "active" Catholic substituted.

After lengthy discussion, the board tabled a constitutional amendment that would stipulate what board members can vote for the board's officers. Discussion centered on whether new members should vote, and exclude outgoing members; outgoing members vote and new members excluded;

or both groups eligible to vote.

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geared to equal opportunity for all children. They likened Title I funds for the economically disadvantaged to special

education for the mentally and physically handicapped which started in Michigan in the 1940s. Compensatory programs are for children who can function in a regular classroom but need extra help to succeed.

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## THREE ADC FATHERS JAILED, FOUR MUST PAY

By BRANDON BROWN

Staff Writer

Acting Berrien circuit judges Monday sent three fathers to jail and told four others how to pay off \$2,886 arrears for children on welfare.

Thirty-day jail stays were ordered by Judge Zoe S. Burkholz for Robert Dwane Griffith, 20, of 860 East Vineyard, Benton Harbor; Jeffery Lee Finley, 24, of 415 North Second street, Niles; and Phillip Ray Reed, 19, of 1119

Council drive, Benton township. Reed was found in contempt for \$270 arrears for one child on ADC and ordered jailed, but later was released Monday to work, George Westfield, friend of the court, reported.

Griffith was found in contempt for \$945 arrears for one child on ADC, and Finley was found in contempt for \$720 arrears for two children on ADC, the friend of the court reported.

After jail, both get 30 days to find work. If they fail, it's 50 more days of jail.

Daniel Arlie Kiser, of route 3, Watervliet, was ordered by Judge Burkholz to pay \$52 weekly support for four children

on ADC and pay \$1,620 arrears immediately, Westfield reported.

William A. Brady, of 1647 Berrien avenue, Benton township, was ordered by Judge Ronald H. Lange to pay \$40

weekly for four children on ADC and \$10 weekly on \$514.50 arrears.

James G. Womack, of Michigan City, Ind., was ordered by Judge Lange to pay \$14 weekly for one child on ADC and

pay \$476 arrears immediately. Milton Curtis, of Buchanan, was ordered by Judge Burkholz to pay \$125 immediately and the balance of a \$275.50 arreage for two children on ADC within a week, or else return to court.

## Judge Iwaniuk Announces He Will Run Again

Fifth District Judge John Iwaniuk of Niles announced Monday he will be a candidate for re-election for a six-year term this fall.

The 53-year-old jurist said he

## Decatur Names New Fire Chief

DECATUR — Chester Tortulli was elected chief of the Decatur volunteer fire department yesterday replacing Donald Overley, who did not seek re-election.

Other officers elected for 1974 were: John Brigham, assistant chief; Arthur Hayes, captain; Richard Kohier, lieutenant; and Douglas Hazzard, secretary-treasurer.

## Sewer Plant Chief Gets New Pact

COLOMA — Roger A. Rousse, superintendent of the Paw Paw Lake area sewage treatment plant, has been given a new one-year contract including a \$500 raise, by the sewer system's governing board.

The new contract provides for a yearly salary of \$13,000, according to a board member.

The former contract expired March 1.

Rousse moved to the Coloma job last year from Bay City where he was chief of maintenance at the Midland sewage treatment plant.

## Settlement Day Set In Clyde Twp.

PEARL — Clyde township board last night announced that the township's settlement day will be held Wednesday, March 20, to bring all township books up to date, and the township's annual meeting has been slated for Saturday, March 30, at 1 p.m.

Both meetings will be held at the township hall, here, according to Mrs. Marie Nielsen, township clerk.

mailed affidavits of candidacy and qualification to the elections division of the Secretary of State's office. It is one of several optional methods an incumbent judge has to become a candidate.

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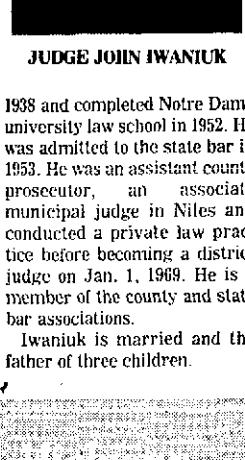
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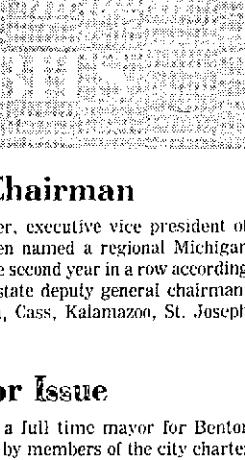
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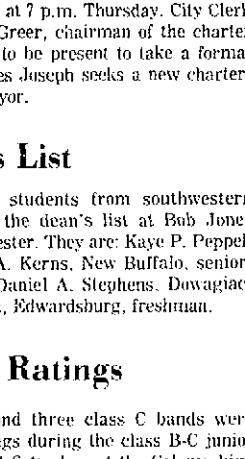
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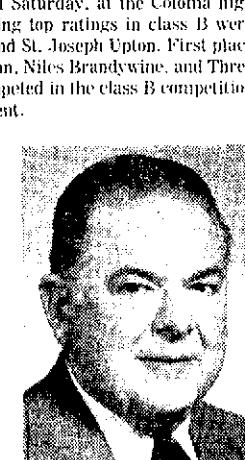
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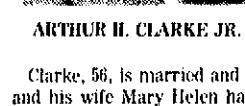
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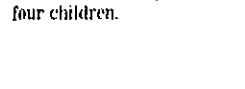
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